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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

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Dear Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are responsive to the rejections set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action transmitted October 29, 2007.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.